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## FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie art reference against the claims of the present application.

The listed documents include U.S. Patent No. 6,152,937 and documents cited therein. Although some of the listed documents are not prior art, they have been listed due to the possibility that the background sections of their specifications may contain information of interest to the Examiner.

## TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

## FEE

A fee in connection with submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) in the amount of \$180.00 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is attached.

## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available.

Applicant respectfully requests that all listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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